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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2002, please consider the amendments and remarks found herein. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, a version of the claims as amended is submitted herein, and a marked up version showing the amendments to the claims is submitted contemporaneously herewith as

ATTACHMENT A.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph on page one (1) after the title and before the "Background and Summary of the Invention":

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/311,466, filed May 13, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,352,240.--